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12-08-12-0012  
**Date:** March 23, 2012

American Whitewater  
ATTN: Mr. Kevin Colburn  
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Missoula, MT 59802

Dear Mr. Colburn:

This acknowledges receipt of your electronically filed March 14, 2012, Notice of Appeal (NOA) which will be processed under 36 CFR 219. You are appealing Deciding Officer Paul L. Bradley's January 31, 2012, Decision for the Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment #1 to the Sumter National Forest, for the Upper Chattooga River on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests in South Carolina. You indicate in your NOA that you are representing American Canoe Association, Georgia Canoeing Association, Atlanta Whitewater Club, Western Carolina Paddlers, Nelson Galbreath, et. al., LLC, and Patton Boggs, et. al., LLP. As their representative, it will be your responsibility to advise them of all correspondence related to this appeal. Your appeal has been assigned number 12-08-12-0012.

Deciding Officer Bradley will transmit the decision documentation to the Reviewing Officer within 30 days of receipt of their copy of your appeal and will indicate where the issues raised in your NOA are addressed. You will receive a copy of his transmittal letter.

The record will close upon receipt of the decision documentation or, in the event of interveners, upon receipt of comments on the appeal by the intervener(s), but no later than the end of the 30-day period provided for interveners to submit comments.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Ken S. Arney*

KEN S. ARNEY  
Reviewing Officer  
Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Francis Marion-Sumter NFs

